

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 7, 10-12, and 14, and amended claims 1, 8, 9, and 15 are in this application.

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo (U.S. application No. 2003/0088646) in view of Takeda (U.S. Patent No. 6,101,215).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"a command generator operable to generate an extract command by use of an object number select extract subfunction which conforms to a 1394 specification, said extract command operable to request the another information processor to extract and produce a specified video frame of the video stream recorded in the record medium, and to send the video frame after converting it into still image data;." (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above 102 rejection, the Examiner appears to assert that the portions of Yeo and Takeda referred to by the Examiner disclose the "command generator" of claim 1. In particular, the Examiner appears to rely on subsystem 308 in figure 3, lines 1-7 of paragraph 0020, lines 1-8 of paragraph 0022, lines 8-11 of paragraph 0023, and lines 8-12 of paragraph 0038 of Yeo, and on bus 101 in figure 4a and lines 51-53 of column 4 of Takeda. (See lines 6-15, 24-25 of section 3 of the present Office Action.) It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Yeo and Takeda relied upon by the Examiner do not specifically disclose "a command generator operable to generate an extract command by use of an object number select extract subfunction which conforms to a 1394 specification, . . .," as recited in claim 1. It should be noted that although lines 51-53 of column 4 of Takeda recite "IEEE1394 as transmission medium," such portion does not disclose an extract command

obtainable by use of an object number select extract subfunction which conforms to a 1394 specification. Further, Table 1 on page 20 of the present application "lists the currently defined subfunctions." (See paragraph 0082 in the present application.) As is to be appreciated, such Table does not include the "extract subfunction" recited in claim 1. As indicated on lines 1-2 of page 21, the extract subfunction is new.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo and Takeda.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 8, 9, and 15 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo and Takeda.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 10, and 14 are dependent from one of amended independent claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2, 3, 7, 10, and 14 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo and Takeda for at least the reasons previously described.

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo (US 2003/0088646) in view of Takeda (US 6,101,215), as applied to claims 1 and 9 above, and further in view of Nakaya (US 5,585,856).

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are dependent from one of amended independent claims 1 and 9. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo and Takeda for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner appears to only rely on Nakaya for the features of claims 4, 5, 11, and 12, and not to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Yeo and Takeda. Accordingly, claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are believed to be respectively distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo, Takeda, and Nakaya.

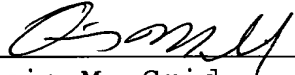
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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